To: All Town of Foxborough Youth Sports Groups Presidents/Coordinators/Parents

Re: Spring 2016 - Free Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Training for Coaches/Volunteers/Parents

The Town of Foxborough Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Committee is <u>once again</u> sponsoring the Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Program called '*Darkness to Light*'. This child sexual abuse prevention training is strongly encouraged for all coaches 18 years of age and older who come in contact with our boys and girls while coaching the youth sports programs and now is a field/facility usage requirement within the Town of Foxborough. After the horrific episodes that were reported involving Foxborough children in past years with a town employee, the town of Foxborough is determined to do everything possible to make it clear that Foxborough will not tolerate this abusive behavior. Although primarily designed to spread awareness, this training of all personnel allows the parents of these children the peace of mind that when their children are entrusted to a sports group's care, the group has done all in its power to protect.

It is very important that all coaches, assistants and officials who have <u>not</u> taken the D2L training prior attend one of the following training classes:

Friday, April 1: 7:00 -:900p.m. - Mill Street Recreation building Saturday, April 2: 11:00 -1pm. - Mill Street Recreation building To register, please use the following link.

## http://foxborough.k12.ma.us/darkness-to-light/

At the conclusion of the training, you will be issued a certificate of completion that will be good for two years. Your support and participation can help to give our kids a better life in the future by protecting them today. Your voice is essential in saying, as part of our community, "Never again."

Also, in an effort to spread awareness, please feel free to forward to your parents within your respective programs as well.

Thank you so very much!

**The Foxborough Town Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Committee** (appointed by the Foxborough Board of Selectmen):

Bob Correia, Resident/Activist, Member at Large
Jeff Downs, Town of Foxborough Board of Recreation
Bill Dudley, Pastor, Union Church of South Foxborough
Rob Lucas, Public Safety, Foxborough Fire Department
Debbie Spinelli, Superintendent of Foxborough Public Schools
Lynda Walsh, Foxboro Jaycees